

**PAVA PRIORITY: People with disabilities will have equivalent and consistent voter access.**

**Objective 1:** Participate in advocacy and education efforts revolving around Help America Vote Act (HAVA) implementation efforts.

- Assist individuals with disabilities in filing complaints under the State based administrative grievance procedure required by HAVA and represent individuals with disabilities in any hearing that may be held regarding the complaint. 42 USC 15461

**PAVA PRIORITY: People with disabilities will fully exercise their individual and constitutional right to participate in the electoral process.**

**Objective 1:** Ensure individuals with disabilities are aware of their right to register and vote.

- Increase the number of individuals with disabilities who register and vote
  - Provide trainings and outreach to educate individuals with disabilities on their rights to register and vote.
  - Provide education, training and voter registration assistance to individuals with developmental disabilities that will promote their participation in the electoral process.
  - Distribute voting rights information and how to vote pamphlets to community support providers, Transition Services Liaison Project and vocational rehabilitation, nursing home facilities, Human Services Center.
  - Collaborate with school districts to incorporate voting rights and process training into student's transition plan.
  - Collaborate with Self-Advocate groups' peer to peer outreach and trainings, to increase peer voter registration and participation in the electoral process.
  - Upon request, provide voter registration forms to individuals and assist, if needed, in completing and mailing.

**Objective 2:** Ensure individuals residing in facilities are aware of their rights to register and vote.

- Collaborate with Mental health facilities, Community residential mental health programs, and Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facilities for Juveniles to provide information, trainings on the right to register and vote.
- Collaborate with Nursing Facility Activities Directors to promote resident voting under SDCL 12.19-9.1. \*

**Objective 3:** Safeguard accessibility to South Dakota online voter information and Assistive Technology ensuring voted ballots are cast, marked, and verified as intended.

- Collaborate with Secretary of State's Office (SOS), Bureau of Information and Technology (BIT) and PAAT Program Director to ensure website election and voter registration information is properly labeled for identification, download and printing utilizing personal assistive technology.
- Collaborate with SOS and County Auditors to ensure Poll Workers are provided with appropriate training on various assistive technology tools and accessible voting device set up and operation.
- Obtain training and technical assistance on voting issues, including education regarding accessible voting equipment and systems. Share learned information to inform others of the availability of accessible voting equipment and its use.

\* 12-19-9.1. Nursing facility, assisted living center, or hospital having multiple absentee ballot requests. If there is any nursing facility, assisted living center, or hospital, as defined in § 34-12-1.1, within any county from which there might reasonably be expected to be five or more absentee applications, the county auditor shall notify the person in charge of that facility and the chair of the county central committee of each party and any other person who has filed a request to be notified of the date and time at which representatives of the auditor's office will be present to assist the residents of that facility to vote, utilizing the absentee procedure. Any political party, independent candidate, and nonpolitical candidate may assign a person to accompany the auditor's representatives. At the date and time announced, the auditor's representative and the representatives of the parties, independent candidates, and nonpolitical candidates shall deliver ballots to and assist all persons at that facility who desire such assistance and who have applied for absentee ballots. This section applies only to a general election. If a person in charge of an election conducts absentee voting at a nursing facility, assisted living center, or hospital as defined in § 34-12-1.1, the voter shall complete a combined absentee ballot application/return envelope and the identification and affidavit requirements provided in § 12-19-2.1 are waived.